

PRESIDENT : So far as this matter is concerned—I am not concerned with other matters—the post-war reconstruction budget includes Rs. 5 lakhs on this particular building programme and that will be started in the course of the year. Plans have been prepared and approved of.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, I was referring to the difficulties that may be created by some officers under you in the matter of reestablishing a separate Chengannur taluk.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Does the member want to include any pakuthy from Pathanamthitta taluk in the proposed Chengannur taluk?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : No. My submission is that a separate Chengannur taluk may be constituted with the pakuthies of the old Chengannur taluk.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Is the member aware that formerly the Chengannur taluk comprised some of the pakuthies of the Pathanamthitta taluk also?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : I do not want to include them.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : I want to know whether the old pakuthies which have been included, for example the Mallapuzhacherri pakuthi, in the Chengannur taluk should be included in the proposed Chengannur taluk?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : I do not want it to be included.

PRESIDENT : The time for the Demand having lapsed, this and the remaining cut motions lapse.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,73,516 under Demand IV—General Administration—Excluding Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office Legislative Bodies and Local Fund Audit Department was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

PRESIDENT : I hope honourable members will so regulate their activities as to speak on more important motions.

DEMAND V—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT AND DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTANTS APPRENTICES.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 2,98,803 under Demand V—General Administration—Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office, Local Fund Audit Department and Divisional Accountants Apprentices.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : Sir, I beg to move:

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,269 for Financial Secretariat by Rs. 10 to urge the necessity for giving more representation to backward communities in appointments to the Financial Secretariat."

Sir, the recent Government order enhancing the age for retirement of Government servants from 55 to 58 would have been welcomed if it was a war-time measure. But as it now stands it has

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prejudicially affected the interest of candidates from backward communities and continue to be so at least for three years more. Government should make arrangements to give due representation to candidates from backward communities in the probable vacancies that may occur during the course of that short period. The present announcement of the Government that the 50 per cent of the recruitment will be by a selective test is a welcome announcement. We hope that due consideration will be given to backward communities. We do not want that efficiency of service should seriously suffer. We want that best candidates from the backward communities should be selected and that selection tests should be conducted under the direct control of the Head of the Administration.

MR. P. M. VERGHESE : സർ, സെക്രട്ടറിയേറ്റ്, പബ്ലിക് വർക്കുകൾ, തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ ഭരണത്തിൽ അതിപ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്ന ഒരു കേന്ദ്രസ്ഥാനമാണ്. അതിൽ പല തകരാറുകളും ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞാൽ അതിനെ തെളിയിക്കാൻ, തെളിവു തരുന്നതിന് ഇപ്പോൾ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. എങ്കിലും ഞാൻ അറിയുന്നിടത്തോളം അതിൽ നടത്തേണ്ട...

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPIL : Sir, I rise to a point of order. Is the honourable member speaking about the secretariat or the Financial Secretariat?

PRESIDENT : He can speak only on the Financial Secretariat. In the course of the discussion on the General Administration, administrative deficiency or drawbacks of the Government can be referred to. But in the matter of the Financial Secretariat, he can refer only to matters specially connected with the Financial Secretariat and not with any other matters.

MR. P. M. VERGHESE : I thought I could speak on the General Administration.

PRESIDENT : That is why on more than one occasion I told the the honourable members that they need not concentrate much on the tapioca control and things of that kind. It is in the General Administration that the whole policy of the Government, the departmental outlook of the Government and all such things are dealt with. That is the most important item in the agenda. The House has passed over that and honourable members cannot speak on that now.

Motion No. 221 is not in order. It is Government that is responsible.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : It is the Financial Secretary that presents the budget.

PRESIDENT : "To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,269 for Financial Secretariat by Re. 1 to discuss about the revision of salaries." Revision of salaries is made by Government and not by the Financial Secretariat. The question of the revision of the salaries can only be raised under General Administration, because it is a policy of the corporate body. The Financial Secretariat is only instrumental in carrying out the advice of the General Administration. So the motion is out of order.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,269 for Financial Secretariat by Rs. 1 to point out delay in the supply of the copies of Budget and the report of Public Accounts Committee to the members of Legislature.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Sir, when one motion is being discussed, the member is not in order in moving another motion.

PRESIDENT: I am not calling him to move his cut motion. He cannot move another cut motion.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: That is what he is doing.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I wish to bring to the pointed attention of the House the necessity for supplying copies of the Budget and the Reports of the Public Accounts Committee to the members of the Legislature earlier than what is being done at present. I have been a member of the legislature for the last 12 or 13 years. The practice obtaining here was to supply the copies of the budget to all the members at least 7 days before the Joint Session and it was very helpful for the members to study the details contained in the budget in all its aspects and contribute useful suggestions to the Government and this House. Now it has become a practice that the copies are furnished to the members only at the Joint Session of the Legislature. So my submission is that the Dewan President may be kindly pleased to direct the authorities concerned to prepare the budget in time and furnish the same to the members earlier than what is being done now.

PRESIDENT: That is before the budget is presented?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir. We used to get them at least 7 days before the Joint Session. That was the practice here. That facilitated much to contribute useful suggestions as a result of close study. With these words I move the motion.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: സർ, ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും പെൻഷൻ പറ്റിപിടിയുന്നതിനുള്ള മാക്സിമം വയസ്സ് ഒരു അയതിനെ ഇടൻ. ഫിനാൻഷ്യൽ സെക്രട്ടറി....

PRESIDENT: It does not arise. A change in the age of pension is a matter that should come under General Administration. It does not arise under Financial Secretariat.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: The Financial Secretary makes some rules by which some persons have been put into difficulties.

PRESIDENT: The Financial Secretary has nothing to do with it. He only carries out orders of Government.

MR. M. L. JANARDANAN PILLAI: Sir, I have very great pleasure in supporting the proposition put forward by Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai. Sir, we have all been experiencing great difficulty on account of this lack of time. Therefore we request Government to give sufficient time.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Sir, I move for the reduction of the total allotment....

PRESIDENT: You cannot move that. Making the administration more efficient, just and equitable, is not in the hands of Mr. Narayana Aiyar.

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MR. M. K. CHANDRASEKHARA BHATTATHIRI (*The Travancore Jemmis South*): Sir, in the interpretation of the Government order which raises the age limit to 58.

PRESIDENT: That is out of order.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, the first point raised is the representation of backward communities in service. Sir, all initial recruitments are generally made by the Public Service Commissioner, and especially in the Financial Secretariat, only experienced men from the Accountant General's office are taken.

MR. M. K. NILACANTAN: സെക്രട്ടറിമാരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിനും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു മേഖലയ്ക്കുനോക്കട്ടെ ശമ്പളത്തിനും തമ്മിൽ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടോ?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: ചില കേസുകളിൽ ഉണ്ട്.

Hence, there is no direct recruitment in the Financial Secretariat. We take, if at all we do, experienced men from the Accountant General's office.

As for the representation of the backward communities, I may say that they are fairly represented. There are 3 Ezhavas, 2 Muslims, and one Pulaya in the superior service.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR: When you give the number as 3, does not that represent the total number?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: Three out of fifteen. As regards the delay in presenting the budget, I may point out that the meeting of the Finance Committee was held only very late so that the department was not able to place the budget earlier. But every attempt will be made to avoid the delay in future.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: I do not press the motion.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,98,803—under Demand V—General Administration—Financial Secretariat Accountant General's office. Local Fund Audit Department and Divisional Accountants apprentices—was put to vote and carried. The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND No. VI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATIVE BODIES—Rs. 97,950.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 97,950 under Demand VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I may be permitted to move cut motion No. 231 for bringing to the notice of the Government an important matter.

I move that the allotment of Rs. 97,950 under Demand VI be reduced by Re. 1.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Sir, what about motions Nos. 225 to 230?

PRESIDENT: Mr. P. K. Kunju's motion is out of order. Mr. Chazhikattu Joseph's motion is out of order. So also, Mr. Nataraja Pillai's motion is out of order, because it does not come within 'Contingencies.'